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In re application of:

Paul JOLLEZ; Esteban CHORNET; Sylvain CLOUTIER

Serial No.: 10/008,454 ✓

Filed: November 2, 2001

For: NEW PROCESS FOR PRODUCING LOW DP MICROCRYSTALLINE CELLULOSE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
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This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, 1.98, and it is requested that the information set forth in this statement and in the listed documents be considered during the pendency of the above-identified application, and any other application relying on the filing date of the above-identified application or cross-referencing it as a related application.

1. This IDS should be considered, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, as it is filed: (Check one of the boxes A-D)

- ☐ A. Within three months of the filing date of the above-identified national application or within three months of the entry into the national stage of the above-identified international application.
 - ☒ B. before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits, or a first office action after filing a request for continued examination.
 - ☐ C. after (A) and (B) above, but before the mailing date of a final rejection, a notice of allowance, or any other action that closes prosecution, and Applicants have made the necessary statement in box "i" below or paid the necessary fee in box "ii" below.
- (check one of the boxes "i" and "ii" below:)

- ☐ i. Counsel states that, upon information and belief, each item of information listed herein was either (a) cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS; or (b) was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was not known to any individual designated in 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.
- ☐ ii. A check for the fee set forth in 1. 17(p), presently believed to be \$180, is enclosed.
- ☐ D. after (A), (B) and (C) above, but before payment of the issue fee: Counsel states that, upon information and belief, each item of information listed herein was either (i) cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the IDS; or (ii) was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was not known to any individual designated in 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.
- ☐ i. A check for the fee set forth in 1.17 (p), presently believed to be \$180, is enclosed.

2. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, this IDS includes a list (e.g., form PTO-1449) of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the office, either incorporated into this IDS or as an attachment hereto. A copy of each document listed is attached, except as explained below.

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- ☐ A. Document(s) _____ is (are) deemed substantially cumulative to document(s) _____, and, in accordance with 1.98(c), only a copy of each of the latter documents is enclosed.
- ☐ B. Certain documents were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the following prior applications, which are relied upon under 35 U.S.C. 120:

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Applicant Identifies these documents by attaching hereto copies of the forms PTO- 892 and PTO- 1449 from the files of the prior application(s) or a fresh PTO- 1449 listing these documents, and request that they be considered and made of record in accordance with 1.98(d). Per 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of these documents need not be filed in this application.

☒ 3. Document Nos. 2, 4 and 5 are not in the English language. In accordance with 1.98(c), Applicant states:

- ☒ An English translation of the Abstract for each document (or of the pertinent portions thereof), or a copy of each corresponding English-language patent or application is enclosed.
- ☒ The requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance of any foreign language document is satisfied by the attached search report; citation of the documents cited in the search report shall not be construed as an admission that they are or are considered to be, material to patentability of the subject matter claimed herein (See MPEP §609).
- ☐ A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) _____ is set forth as follows: [Insert concise explanation of relevance]
- ☐ A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) _____ can be found on page(s) _____ of the specification.
- ☐ A concise explanation of document(s) _____ can be found on the attached sheet.

☐ 4. No explanation of relevance is necessary for documents in the English language (see MPEP § 609 A(3)).

☒ 5. Other information being provided for the examiner's consideration

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follows:

An International Search Report, dated April 3, 2002, which issued during the prosecution of PCT Application No. PCT/CA01/01550 which corresponds to the present application.

6. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(g) and (h), the filing of this IDS should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in §1.56 (b), or that any cited document listed or attached is (or constitutes) prior art. Unless other-wise indicated, the date of publication indicated for an item is taken from the face of the item and Applicant reserves the right to prove that the date of publication is in fact different.

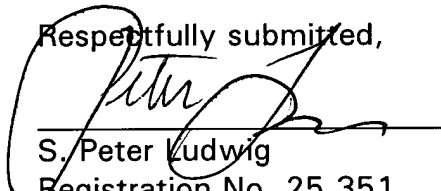
CROSS REFERENCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.78 TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78, Applicant notes that the above-identified patent application may be related to the following U.S. Patent Applications:

(1) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/245,148 filed November 3, 2000.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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<u>*EXAMINER</u> <u>INITIALS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT</u> <u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>SUBCLASS</u>	<u>TRANSLATION</u> <u>YES</u> <u>NO</u>
	1. 99/60027	Nov. 1999	PCT	C08B	15/08	
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	7. 1,198,703	Dec. 1985	Canada	C08B	1/00	
	8. 2,313,261	May 1998	Canada	C08B	15/08	

OTHER REFERENCES**(INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)***EXAMINER
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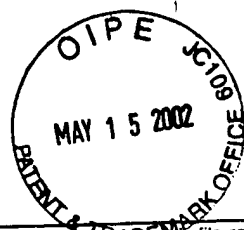
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)



Applicant's file reference 27951-0009	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/CA 01/01550	International filing date (day/month/year) 02/11/2001	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 03/11/2000
Applicant KEMESTRIE INC.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.
☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:
- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
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- ☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).
3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

- ☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- ☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

PROCESS FOR PRODUCING LOW DP MICROCRYSTALLINE CELLULOSE

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

- ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- ☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

- ☐ as suggested by the applicant.
- ☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- ☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

☒ None of the figures.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 D21C

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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